

(Attachment for Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2012)

As to that aspect of Section 4-2 that pertains to the responsibility of the First Selectman, eliminate the phrase: “for the purpose of receiving civil process.” That responsibility should reside with the Town Clerk or as otherwise provided in state statutes.

As to questions regarding the status of an unsuccessful candidate for the position of First Selectman being an elected member of the Board of Selectmen, General Statutes Section 9-188 provides that he/she shall be so elected provided that he/she received a sufficient number of votes as compared to other candidate for the Board of Selectmen. Although the statute allows a change in this protocol, the consensus of the Commission was that no such change was warranted. Reference to General Statutes Section 9-188 should be added to Charter Section 3-4.

As to Section 4-3, the consensus of the Commission was that the title of this Section be amended to state: “Board of Selectmen’s General Powers and Duties.”

As to Section 4-4, the consensus of the Commission was to remove the phrase – “The presence of” – from the sentence: “The presence of three members shall constitute a quorum.” Doing so should facilitate the participation in meetings by teleconference or electronic means.

As to Section 4-5, there was considerable discussion regarding the advisability of specifying as additional public notice the “posting on an appropriate electronic

medium.” No consensus was reached as to whether such an amendment was necessary.

As to Section 4-6, it was the evolving consensus of the Commission that those persons who were eligible to comment at the described meetings should include “taxpayers” as well as “electors.” Also, the term “criticisms” should be replaced by the term “comments” in order to broaden the scope of the contemplated input.

There were a number of comments directed the definitions, capitalizations and punctuation:

Section 4-2: Capitalization of the term “Board of Selectmen”

Section 4-3: Definition of “ordinances” and “resolutions”

Section 4-3: Definition of “book form”

Section 4-3: Add semicolon after the phrase “except those provided in this
charter”

Section 4-5: Definition of “ordinance”

Section 6-5: Definition of “town office” (for consideration)